

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15-23 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14 are canceled, claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 15 are amended, new claims 16-23 are added, and the specification is amended. Paragraph [0081] is deleted to be consistent with the claims.

The Office Action objects to the disclosure at paragraph 0012. The paragraph has been corrected. Approval is requested.

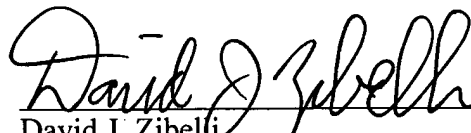
The Office Action objects to claims 4-8, indicating that claim 4 is a copy of claim 8, claim 5 is a copy of claim 9, claim 6 is a copy of claim 10, and claim 7 is a copy of claim 11. this objection is traversed because claims 8-11 all included means plus function elements, while claims 4-7 did not. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Office Action indicates that claims 3, 6, 10 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claims 2 and 3 has been incorporated into claim 1, the subject matter of claims 5 and 6 has been incorporated into claim 4, the subject matter of claims 9 and 10 has been incorporated into claim 8, and subject matter of claims 13 and 14 has been incorporated into claim 12, with slight revisions to some of the recitations for correctness. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection under 35 USC 102 is moot and all claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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